

MURDER IN CONNECTICUT.

An Old Man Killed—Arrest of the Murderer.

Richard Bradley, an inoffensive old man eighty-one years of age who has for many years kept a small jewelry store at No. 111 Front street, was most brutally murdered about 7 o'clock on Thursday evening in his store, by some ruffian, whose object was plunder. From the evidence taken at the Cooper's inquest, it appears that Bradley was in the store, and the murderer came in and knocked him down, gagged him by tying a handkerchief into his mouth, and in this way strangled him. No marks of blows appeared upon his person, and there was no appearance of blood, except from one or two slight scratches on his forehead. From the noise of the effect of strangulation, or on the handkerchief which was bound across his mouth.

The noise of a scuffle was heard by Jacob Kirsh and wife, adjoining Bradley's store, and they also heard the breaking of glass. On going out they discovered that glass was broken in Bradley's door, and that the door, though closed, was unlocked. Another man soon followed, who soon became satisfied that there was some one there. Kirsh called to his wife for a revolver, when a man sprang out of Bradley's door, jumping nearly across the sidewalk, and ran down Ferry street. Another man soon followed, who was seized by Kirsh and Arthur, and after a sharp struggle, in which the murderer threatened to stab those who had him, he was secured, and the police arriving, he was taken to the station house.

He turns out to be John Brooks, from London, England, said to be an English thief. Officer Cegrove and Mr. T. H. Hollister meantime arrived, and with Arthur and Kirsh went into the store, where Mr. Bradley was found on the floor, dead, with the handkerchief tied across his mouth. In falling he had struck a half bushel hand basket and partially crushed it, and also struck his hand against an old clock which was standing on the floor, and broke the glass of the clock door. His false teeth were lying on the floor near him, and a hat and cap were also found on the floor. The pockets of his pantaloons were pulled out and torn, as if hastily rifled.

John Brooks, the man arrested at the store, is a brutal-looking fellow about forty years old. He seemed perfectly careless and indifferent after his arrest, and before ten o'clock was fast asleep in his cell in the station house, as if nothing had happened. He is the man who was married to Ann Maguire by the clerk of the police court at the police headquarters last Tuesday morning. Ann has often required attention from the police, and was liberated from jail just before her marriage. Since the wedding the two have been on a grand spree in New Britain, and the woman has been arrested there. Brooks has been in jail recently. Officer Flynn was present at the wedding of Brooks and Ann at the police headquarters Tuesday, and recognized the cap found in Bradley's store as the one worn by Brooks at that time. Brooks, when arrested, had on a white hat, which Flynn also recognized as one he had seen on Alexander Henry, a negro living on Commerce street. He at once suspected Henry as being concerned in the murder. Both men probably lost their hats when engaged in the murder, and Henry escaped without any, and Brooks took Henry's hat instead of his own when he attempted to escape. Henry was arrested this morning, and the key of Bradley's safe was found upon him. In the safe was considerable money and jewelry which had not been molested. Another negro named Samuel Logg was also arrested, but nothing yet appears implicating him with the murder except the fact that Brooks called on Logg before the murder, and Logg went security for some paper for Brooks. Henry is a dull looking African, about thirty-five years of age, quite black, and of general brutish appearance. There is no doubt but that he is the man who escaped from Bradley's store, though his name was so sudden that neither Arthur nor Kirsh can tell whether he was white or black.

Bradley was a mild, inoffensive old man, with no family, who for years has supported himself in his small, dusty, ancient-looking shop as a watch and jewelry maker. He was a very singular man, and was known to be in the habit of hiding jewelry and old gold and silver in odd places in his store. On one occasion some years since he placed a box containing a large quantity of gold for safe keeping in an office in the chimney where the stove pipe was placed in the winter. It remained there for some months concealed by a paper pasted over it, and was entirely forgotten by the owner until months afterwards, he wanted to find it. At other times he has been known to conceal large quantities of silver under the stove, covered with the ashes. Probably a knowledge of these eccentricities tempted the thief to rob him.

A coroner's jury was held, and adjourned till Saturday morning, at which time the prisoners will be brought before the police court for commitment.—Harford Press.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Catharine Negley.

We record the sudden decease of Mrs. Kate Negley, wife of our esteemed fellow-citizen Major-General James S. Negley. This amiable and much loved lady died yesterday evening, after an hour's illness, of heart disease. This terrible and unexpected dispensation of Providence will afflict with the most poignant sorrow, not only the stricken family who have been so cruelly bereaved, but a large circle of friends who delighted in the society of the noble and generous lady who has been so mysteriously summoned from amongst us. But a little while ago, the writer of this article was enjoying her hospitalities, and he finds it strange and hard to realize that this sweet-mannered and kind-hearted lady, so full of life, so graciously and warmly-remembered sympathies, should have been taken away so suddenly. But a little while ago, she had reached the prime of a life endeared by so much gentleness and goodness. Our entire community will sympathize tenderly with the widowed husband and motherless children, and those who had the privilege of an acquaintance with the deceased will preserve in loving remembrance the recollection of her virtues. Her grave will not want flowers to deck it, or the tribute of tears, that in the after time shall only "resemble sorrow As the mist resembles the rain."

—Pittsburg Commercial, Nov. 29th.

Rear-Admiral John Drake Sloat.

Rear-Admiral Sloat, of the United States Navy, died at his residence at New Britain, States Island, on Thursday last, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was one of the few survivors of the old school of officers who lent lustre to the service in the early days of the Republic, and who maintained the honor of the flag ashore and ashore for nearly three-quarters of a century. Increasing years and bodily infirmities only prevented him from actively participating in the stirring scenes of the late war, but throughout he watched the career of the officers with an unexpressed interest and solicitude, partaking equally in their elation in victory and their pain and chagrin in disaster. Born in 1780, he entered the navy as sailing master in the February, 1800, but at the beginning of the following year, in consequence of a reduction of the naval forces, was honorably mustered out. At the beginning of the regular navy, on the 24th of July, 1815, he was commissioned as Lieutenant, and served active service during the war with Great Britain, and came out with credit and honor. In 1820 he made a cruise to the Brazils in the schooner Crabmeat, one of Commodore David Porter's fleet in the West Indies, when the Commodore was engaged in extirpating the pirates which then frequented those waters, and participated in several engagements. In 1826 he was made a Master-Commandant, and was placed in command of the sloop-of-war St. Louis in the Pacific squadron, where he served more than two years. After some years of shore service as commander of the naval rendezvous of New York, he was promoted to a full captain in

the navy, in February, 1837, and placed on waiting orders. In 1841, he was placed in command of the Portsmouth Navy Yard, where he remained three years. In 1845 he was made Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific squadron, where he remained until late in 1846, flying his pennant on the frigate Savannah. Since that period he has been employed in command of the Norfolk Navy Yard, on special service, both as superintendent of the construction of the famous Stevens battery at Hoboken, and Superintendent of the United States mail steamships sailing from this port, in which connection he will be well remembered by a host of our merchants, who met him daily in our streets, and who could not fail to be impressed by his active but genial temperament and his fine business qualities. The Retiring Board of 1856 placed him on the reserved list and granted him indefinite leave. He was made a Commodore on the retired list in 1852, and in July, 1866, was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral on the retired list. Since 1856 he has been quietly living at his residence, spending his closing days in serene repose. Admiral Sloat left many friends behind him who will deplore his demise, for his qualities of mind and heart were such as to endear him to all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

THE PRIZE-RING.

Barney Aaron vs. The Unknown—The Match Made for \$5000—The Articles of Agreement.

The match long broiled between these parties has at last been consummated, as far as the first large deposit and the articles of a agreement are concerned. The members of the fist circle met in large numbers last night at a sporting house on Houston street, and after an hour's argument in relation to the various details that are always the forerunner of such an event of importance, Aaron and James Collins, on behalf of the Unknown, agreed upon the amount of money to be fought for, the time, place, and manner of the several deposits, as will be manifested in the following.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

Articles of agreement entered into on the 19th day of November, 1867, between James Collins, Unknown, and Barney Aaron. The said Unknown agrees to fight the said Barney Aaron a fair stand-up fight, at one hundred and twenty pounds weight, according to the new rules of the English Prize Ring, by which the said parties agree to be bound. The said fight to be for \$2500 a side. The said fight to take place on Wednesday, April 1, 1868. In pursuance of this agreement, the sum of \$100 a side is now staked in the hands of James Colbert. The second deposit to be on the 30th of November, 1867, in said Colbert's hands, between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock P. M., when it shall be increased to \$500 a side, and arrangements be made for further deposits. Either party failing to appear at the appointed time named in these articles shall forfeit the money now staked. The third deposit of \$500 to be put up at Peter Mitchell's, on the 14th of December, 1867; the fourth deposit of \$500 to be put up at James Leonard's, on the 28th of December; the fifth deposit of \$500 to be put up at James Colbert's, on the 11th of January, 1868, and the sixth and last to be put up at Rocky Moore's, in Wood House, on the 26th of January, 1868. All deposits to be put up between the hours of 8 and 10 P. M., excepting the last, which shall be put up between the hours of 1 and 4 P. M. The Unknown is mutually agreed to have choice of ground. The cost of ropes and stakes is to be equally shared between the contesting parties. The men to be in the ring between the hours of 8 and 10 A. M., and the man absent to forfeit the battle. The stakes not to be given up until fairly won or lost by a fight, unless by mutual consent. James Colbert is chosen final stakeholder. The men to be weighed between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock P. M., on the 8th of March, 1868. The referee to be chosen on the ground.

In pursuance of this agreement we hereunto attach our names.

Witnesses—M. Moore, James Colbert, James Collins, Barney Aaron, James Colbert. The second deposit of \$400, making \$500 a side, is now in the hands of Mr. Colbert, and unless some unforeseen accident occurs, the match will go on to a successful consummation. The interest evinced last evening among the sporting fraternity in relation to this fight and the mystery surrounding the Unknown, named by Mr. Collins, and the many surmises respecting his identity, was sufficient to prophesy that the fight will be second to none of its character that has occurred in this country. The Unknown will not be named until the last deposit.—N. Y. Herald.

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